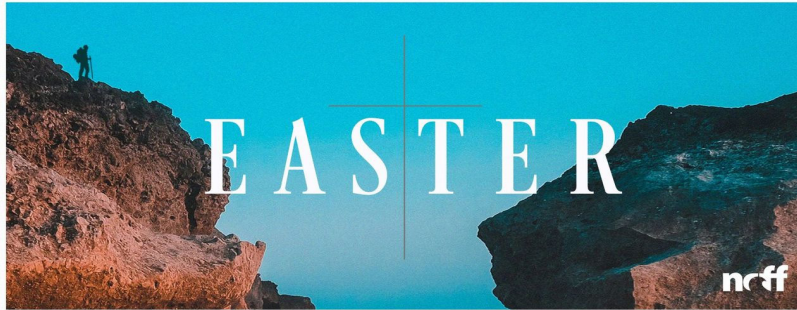


BECAUSE OF JESUS



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EASTER 2024

Two things you have to know this Easter in order for anything I share with you to have credibility. The first has to do with the Bible, the book I teach. Of all the world's ancient literary documents, the Bible is by far the most well attested and fully trustworthy work of all time. If ever there was a book that truly came to us from God, even an atheist, who is simply a betting man, would put his cash on the Christian Bible as being that book. Second, the vast majority of today's credible historians do not question the historicity of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. They accept it as solid history because the evidence is simply too great to ignore. So, with these two presuppositions as our starting point for **Easter 2024**, let me share with you a few of the amazing things that God wants you to have and experience, all **because of Jesus**.

1. (**Romans 1:3-4**) Because of Jesus ...

2. (**John 14:8-11**) Because of Jesus ...

3. (**Mark 10:32-34**) Because of Jesus ...

4. (**1 Corinthians 15:3-4**) Because of Jesus ...

5. (**1 Corinthians 15:21**) Because of Jesus ...

6. (**Romans 8:11, 13**) Because of Jesus ...

7. (**Luke 24:13-35**) Because of Jesus ...

8. (**John 5:27-29**) Because of Jesus ...

HOW DO I BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ...

God's Plan - Eternal and Abundant Life:

- ◆ For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (**John 3:16**)
- ◆ I have come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly. (**John 10:10**)

Man's Problem - Sin and Separation:

- ◆ All of us have sinned, and the wages of our sin is death. (**Romans 3:23; 6:23**)
- ◆ Our sin has created separation between God and us. (**Isaiah 59:2**)

God's Solution - His Son Jesus Christ:

- ◆ This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. (**1 John 4:10**)
- ◆ Christ died for our sins and was raised on the third day. (**1 Corinthians 15:3-4**)

Man's Response - Turn from sin and turn to Christ:

- ◆ If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (**Romans 10:9**)

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO PRAY ...

"Dear Lord Jesus, I admit my sin and I ask your forgiveness. I believe you died to pay the price for my sin and I ask you to make me a child of God. I believe Your Son Jesus died on the cross in my place. I turn from my sin and turn to You for my salvation, I surrender my life to You. Please come into my life and cause me to become the person You created me to be in the first place. Thank you Jesus. Amen."

If you prayed this prayer to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your God and Savior, please let one of our staff members, an usher, or a greeter know about your decision. We have follow-up information to give you that includes a Bible, a booklet outlining your first steps in the Christian faith, and further information about the many ministries of our church - all designed to help you as you begin the Christian life.